



RI WOMEN'S CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM AGE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE 2014 - 2015

Women's Cancer Screening Program Eligibility Guidelines

Rhode Island residents who meet age, income, and health insurance requirements are eligible for free breast and cervical cancer screening services through the Women's Cancer Screening Program.

Services Available and Age Guidelines

Services for women by age group:

- **Age 21 – 29**
 - Cervical cancer screening (Pap test alone every 3 years);
 - Breast cancer screening (clinical breast exam, only if performed in conjunction with Pap test);
 - Diagnostic services and follow-up, if an abnormality is found in a screening test.
- **Age 30 – 39**
 - Cervical cancer screening (Pap test alone every 3 years, **OR** Pap test and HPV test together every 5 years);
 - Breast cancer screening (clinical breast exam, only if performed in conjunction with Pap test);
 - Diagnostic services and follow-up, if an abnormality is found in a screening test.
- **Age 40 – 64:**
 - Cervical cancer screening (Pap test alone every 3 years, **OR** Pap and HPV test together every 5 years);
 - Breast cancer screening (mammogram and clinical breast exam every year);
 - Diagnostic services and follow-up, if an abnormality is found in a screening test.
- **Age 65+:** Not eligible for program services. **Exception:** Women without Medicare Part B and undocumented women are eligible for all program services.
- **ANY AGE WOMAN:** Women with symptoms suspicious for breast cancer, **OR**, an abnormal finding on a clinical breast exam are eligible for breast services including diagnostic follow-up.

OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Income (within 250% of poverty – see WCSP Family Size and Eligibility Income levels)
2. Uninsured or underinsured (health insurance does not provide annual screening for breast and cervical cancer)
3. Must be a Rhode Island resident

QUESTIONS: Call the Women's Cancer Screening Program at 222-4324.